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Herewith the letter from Frank Crowther (son of Rodney Crowther of the BALTIMORE SUN) which you suggested that he write.

I would recommend that you accept tentatively the invitation to deliver an address to the combined university community for some time in February 1960 but that you not answer questions for an hour at an informal gathering of the combined student bodies. A discussion with the professors would seem desirable.

STANLEY J. GROGAN  
Assistant to the Director  
26 August 1959

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August 23, 1959

Col. Stanley Grogan  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E. St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Grogan:

Enclosed, please find the letter you suggested I prepare for the director. I hope the plea falls on sympathetic ears and that Mr. Dulles will find time to visit Chapel Hill this spring.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. My dad, by the way, sends you his warmest regards and hopes to have the occasion to chat with you again in the near future. I imagine, however, that you are both thoroughly occupied at the moment.

Sending you my best wishes and hoping to hear from the director at his convenience, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Crowther

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August 23, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am writing in reference to our discussion of August 20 regarding the possibility of your visiting the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for an informal address this coming spring.

For your information and reference, I will list herein exactly what such a visit might entail.

Should you plan to arrive in the early afternoon, we would prepare an informal gathering of students where you might consent to answer questions for a period of approximately one hour. This session would be restricted to students of the Consolidated University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Raleigh), Duke University and North Carolina College. Later that afternoon, you might participate in a general discussion with professors from the several institutions, we would hope in a relaxed atmosphere.

Before your address to the combined university communities, I think it proper to arrange a private dinner for you with the heads of these various institutions. William C. Friday, President of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, would be your host.

The address itself is normally scheduled for 9 a.m. This will be the only time that members of the press are to be admitted. As I indicated at the time of our meeting, your address does not have to be formal in nature. Your general topic or topics, however, should be announced in advance. I have found, in the past, invariably, that the fewer directives or suggestions we give a visiting speaker, the more interesting an address we receive. Therefore, the choice of subjects will be left to your discretion.

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On the chance of being accused of violating the aforementioned tenet, I will say that I hope your address might include some discussion of the present demands of national security and, most importantly, an appeal to the students that they consider a career with the government in mind. The latter is a rarely discussed subject, sadly enough, and I believe that such an appeal could come from no better source than yourself, being the member of a family which is already legend for its devotion to the supreme difficulties of running the American government. This is also one of the reasons I asked Dr. Raymond Saulnier to address the university later on this year. The average college student has only the most amorphous semblance of an idea as to how our economic system functions.

The physical arrangements, of course, may be attended to at a later date. I will mention that our organization, The Carolina Forum, assumes the expense of your air transportation to and from Raleigh-Durham airport, where you will be met and escorted to the Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill. All other expenses while you remain are also our obligation.

For a date, may I suggest that you consider any week in February, the first two weeks of March, any week in April, or the first two weeks of May.

To borrow Martin Luther's words, "Here I stand." Were there any more effective means of urging you to consider, better, consent to this visit, I certainly wish I knew of such. My request, simply, is that of the students who so infrequently are afforded the opportunity of talking with and listening to the men, other than the politicians in Congress, who carry on the business of our government.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter and hoping that you may find time to visit Chapel Hill, "the liberal mind of the South," I am,

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Crowther  
Chairman, The Carolina Forum  
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